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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Janet L. Andres, Ph.D  
Group Art Unit : 1646  
Applicants : Pravin Chaturvedi, et al.  
Application No.: 09/941,282  
Filed : August 28, 2001  
For : OPTIMAL COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS THEROF  
FOR TREATING HCV INFECTIONS

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Cambridge, Massachusetts  
January 23, 2004Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1), applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action dated August 26, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before January 26, 2004.

The Director is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$420.00 that is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) to Deposit Account No. 50-0725. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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